

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission
Proclamation Regulating Spring
Wild Turkey Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits

Pursuant to the authority granted by Tennessee Codes Annotated Sections 70-4-107 and 70-5-108, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission hereby proclaims the following spring hunting seasons and bag limits for wild turkey hunting effective August 1, 2006.

Section I. General Regulations

A. Prohibited Acts

The use of any type of food to feed or attract wild turkeys on WMAs. Shooting or stalking turkeys from a boat in Shelby, Dyer, Tipton, Lauderdale, Haywood or Obion counties prohibited. Calling or attempting to call wild turkeys using any call to mimic the sounds made by a wild turkey is prohibited from March 1st to the opening day of the spring turkey hunts on all WMAs.

A licensed turkey hunter, who has filled his/her bag limit or does not possess a valid permit for a quota hunt, may accompany another turkey hunter (except on WMAs where prohibited) and assist him/her in calling, but may not have a gun or bow in his possession.

B. Bag and Possession Limits

One bearded turkey per day, not to exceed four per season with no more than two per season on Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges except turkeys taken on all quota hunts are bonus turkeys.

Young Sportsmen hunt-One bearded turkey

C. Shooting Hours - Thirty (30) minutes before sunrise to sunset

D. Checking Stations - All hunters must check in at the area checking station prior to hunting on AEDC, Catoosa, Cheatham, Chuck Swan State Forest, Laurel Hill, LBL, Meeman Shelby Forest State Park and Natural Area, Natchez Trace State Forest (quota hunts only), Prentice Cooper State Forest, and Williamsport WMAs. Hunters are also required to check out at the conclusion of their hunt. All turkeys harvested on the statewide hunt or on WMAs must be taken by the most reasonably direct route to the nearest county or WMA check station on the day harvested. The permanent kill tag required for the legal possession will be issued at the checking station.

Section II. Statewide Turkey Hunting Seasons

(Exclusive of WMAs and Refuges unless listed in Section III.D below)

A. Statewide Turkey Season Dates – March 31 through May 13, 2007

- B. Statewide Young Sportsmen Hunt (6-16 years of age) – March 24-25, 2007. Each youth must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device, who is not required to have a license.

Section III. Wildlife Management Areas - Seasons and Miscellaneous Regulations

On all Young Sportsman Hunts, youth, ages 6-16, may participate but must be accompanied by an adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device. Adults cannot hunt except as indicated otherwise.

Youth, ages 6-16, may participate on other WMA turkey hunts but must be accompanied by an adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device except as otherwise noted.

- A. Regular Managed Hunts (No Hunter Quota)-Bag Limit - One bearded turkey per hunt not to exceed two turkeys per spring season (See Section I.B.).

AEDC	Four 3-day hunts: March 31-April 2, 13-15, 27-29, and May 4-6
Bear Hollow Mountain	Seven 3-day hunts. March 31- April 2, 6-8, 13-15, 20-22 27-29, May 4-6, 11-13, One 2-day Young Sportsmen hunt: March 24-25
Catoosa	Six 3-day hunts: April 6-8, 14-15, 17-19, 24-26, 27-29, May 1-3 One 2-day Young Sportsmen hunt: April 21-22
Cheatham	Five hunts: March 31-April 2, 6-8, 13-15, 18-22, 26-29 One 2-day Young Sportsmen hunt: March 24-25
Fall Creek Falls State Park	One hunt: April 7-16 (Archery Only)
Kyker Bottoms	All hunting is Young Sportsman (6-16 years of age): Same as Statewide Season. Each youth must be accompanied by an adult, 21 years of age or older, who may also hunt except on the March 24-25 Young Sportsmen hunt.
Laurel Hill	Six 3-day hunts: March 31-April 2, 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29, May 4-6
LBL	Two 7-day hunts: April 16-22, April 23-29. Hunters harvesting a turkey on a LBL quota hunt (Sect. III.B) may not hunt on the April 16-22 hunt.

Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park and Natural Area	One 1-day Young Sportsmen hunt: March 24
Natchez Trace State Forest	One 14-day hunt: April 16-29
North Chickamauga Creek(Including Natural Area Unit)	Open with Statewide season. Hunting allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only. Hunting ends at noon each day.
Prentice Cooper State Forest	Six 3-day hunts: April 3-5, 6-8, 10-12, 19-21, 24-26, 27-29
Williamsport	Two 3-day hunts: March 31 - April 2, 13-15
Wolf River	One 2-day Young Sportsmen hunt: March 24-25
B. Quota Managed Hunts (Quota turkey permit required)-Bag Limit-One bearded turkey per hunt (Turkey counts as a bonus bird).	
Chuck Swan State Forest	Seven 3-day hunts: March 29-31, April 5-7, 12-14 19-21, 26-28, May 3-5, 10-12 (125 hunter quota per hunt). Hunting ends at noon each day, hunters must be at check station by 1 p.m.
Holly Fork	One 2-day hunt: March 24-25 (4 hunter quota). Youth special populations only, ages 6-16. Youth special populations are determined by the TWRA and Tennessee Valley Authority (ie. life threatening medical condition, juvenile court trustee youth program). Youth must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device.
LBL	Two 2-day hunts: April 7-8, 12-13 (350 quota per hunt) One 2-day Young sportsmen hunt: March 31-April 1(300 hunter quota).
Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park and Natural Area	Three 3-day hunts: March 31-April2, April 6-8 and April 13-15 (50 hunter quota per hunt). Successful hunters must check out at nearest county check stations.
Natchez Trace State Forest	Three 3-day hunts: March 31-April 2, 6-8 and 13-15. 96 hunter quota per hunt (48 south of I-40 only and 48 north

of I-40 only). Hunters must sign in and out each day they hunt.

Oak Ridge Two 2-day hunts: March 31-April 1, 14-15 (175 hunter quota per hunt). Hunting ends at noon daily, successful hunters must be at check station by 1 p.m. Scouting date for permit holders only March 24(6am to noon). Hunts subject to cancellation for national security. Hunting area may be reduced.

Wolf River Two 3-day hunts: April 13-15 (25 hunter quota) and April 20-22 (30 hunter quota). Hunting ends at noon each day and successful hunters must check birds at Wolf River Check Station by 1p.m.

Yuchi Refuge (at Smith Bend) Five three-day hunts: March 30-April 1, April 13-15, 20-22, 24-26, May 1-3(10 hunter quota per hunt). Hunting ends at Noon EST. Walk-in only. No Access by Boat.

C. Special Managed Hunts (No Hunter Quota)

Cordell Hull (Wheel Chair Bound Only Hunting Zone)¹ March 31-May 13. Wheel chair bound hunters only. Bag limit – two turkeys either-sex per season

South Cherokee and Foothills March 31-May 13.

March 24-25. Young Sportsmen hunt to coincide with the statewide young sportsmen hunt.

Fourth Fractional March 31-May 13(Archery only).

D. Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges Open With Statewide Seasons and Bag Limits:

Alpine Mountain, Arnold Hollow, Bark Camp Barrens, Barkley (Units I and II), Bean Switch Refuge, Beaver Dam Creek, Big Sandy (including Gin Creek), Bogota, Bridgestone/Firestone, Browntown, Buffalo Springs, Camden (Units I and II), Cedar Hill Swamp, Charlotte Ann Finnell Neal, Cheatham Lake, Cheatham Lake Pardue Pond Refuge and Dyson Ditch Refuge (boat access only), Chickamauga, Chickasaw State Forest, Cold Creek Refuge, Cordell Hull, Cordell Hull Refuge, Cove Creek, Cummings Cove, Cypress Pond Refuge, Eagle Creek, Edgar Evins State Park, Ernest Rice, Flintville Hatchery, Gallatin Steam Plant (Archery only), Gooch, Harmon's Creek, Haynes Bottom, Henderson Island, Hiwassee Refuge, Hick Hill, Hickory Flats, Hop-in Refuge, Horns

¹ Wheel Chair Only Hunting Zone – That portion of Cordell Hull WMA known as the Old Roaring Fork Campground (as posted).

Bluff Refuge, Jarrell Switch, Jackson Swamp, John Tully, Keyes-Harrison, Kyles Ford, Lick Creek, Lick Creek Bottoms, Long Pond, Maness Swamp Refuge, Maple Springs, Mingo Swamp, MTSU, Mt. Roosevelt, Moss Island, New Hope, Nolichucky, Normandy, North Cherokee, Obion River, Old Hickory (including Lock 5 Refuge), Owl Hollow Mill, Pea Ridge, Percy Priest Unit I and Unit II, Pickett State Forest, Rankin, Royal Blue, Shelton Ferry, Standing Stone State Forest, Sundquist, West Sandy, Tellico Lake (except McGhee-Carson and Niles Ferry Units), The Boils, Three Rivers, Tie Camp, Tigrett, Tumbleweed, Watts Bar, White Lake Refuge, White Oak, Yanahli are open to coincide with the statewide seasons and bag limits.

Section IV. National Wildlife Refuge Hunts-Federal Permit required. Bag Limit–One bearded turkey per season (quota hunts count as a bonus bird).

Chickasaw NWR	Three 4-day hunts. April 5-8, 12-15, 19-22. Hunter quota 75 per hunt. Non-toxic shot only.
Lower Hatchie NWR	Three 4-day hunts. April 5-8, 12-15, 19-22. Hunter quota 25 per hunt. Non-toxic shot only.
Hatchie NWR	March 31–May 13. Non-quota (counts in statewide bag). March 24-25 – Young Sportsmen hunt to coincide with the statewide youth hunt and bag limit. Non-toxic shot only.
Tennessee NWR and Cross Creeks NWR	March 31–May 13. Non-quota (counts in statewide bag). March 24-25 – Young Sportsmen hunt to coincide with the statewide youth hunt and bag limit.
Reelfoot NWR	One three-day hunt. April 6-8. Hunter quota: Grassy Island-25, Long Point-25. Non-toxic shot only

Section IV. Repeal of Prior Proclamations

This proclamation repeals Proclamation 05-15 dated May 19, 2005.

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